

HOUSE BILL 322

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ENROLLED BILL

-- *Ways and Means/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* --

Introduced by **Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Higher Education Commission)**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Community Colleges - Tuition Waiver for Certain**
3 **Students**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for obtaining an exemption from the
5 payment of tuition at community colleges for certain individuals; and generally
6 relating to tuition waivers for certain students at community colleges.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 16-106(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Education

2 16-106.

3 (c) (1) Any resident of this State who is retired from the work force by
4 reason of total and permanent disability who enrolls at a community college in a class
5 that has at least 10 regularly enrolled students:

6 (i) Is exempt from payment of tuition; and

7 (ii) Shall be counted in computing full-time equivalent enrollment
8 under § 16-305 of this title.

9 (2) In order to receive this exemption, an individual WHO MEETS THE
10 REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION shall obtain certification
11 from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board that the
12 individual receives disability [and] OR retirement benefits under the Social Security
13 Act or the Railroad Retirement Act.

14 (3) In order to obtain this exemption, an individual WHO MEETS THE
15 REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, who was a federal
16 employee, and who does not receive disability [and] OR retirement benefits under the
17 Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act shall obtain certification from the
18 individual's federal retirement or pension authority of the employee's:

19 (i) Total and permanent disability; and

20 (ii) Receipt of disability benefits based on a standard that is at least
21 as stringent as the standard applied by the Social Security Act.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 July 1, 2004.